

- (iii) The Government of Rajasthan has been requested to ensure that the Keoladeo National Park receives water on priority whenever there is drought.
- (iv) Government of Uttar Pradesh have declared several wetlands, which are likely to be used by the Siberian cranes as wintering grounds, as wildlife sanctuaries. Central assistance is being extended to these sanctuaries.
- (v) Government of India is party to the Convention on Conservation of Migratory Species, which is instrumental in promoting international cooperation in preserving endangered migratory species like the Siberian crane.

#### **Halt of Coromandal Express at Balasore**

3161. DR. KARTIKESWARPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for halting of Coromandal Express at Balasore station; and

(b) if so, when the halt will be provided there in view of the industrial importance of the district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there is no proposal to provide halt of Coromandal Express at Balasore Station.

#### **Late Running of Neelachal Express**

3162. DR. KARTIKESWARPATRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the regular late running of Neelachal Express from New Delhi to Puri;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the remedial measures being contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Alarm chain pulling, accidents, agitations and equipment failures.

(c) Intensive chasing and regular monitoring.

#### **Privatisation of Duty Free Shops**

3163. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:  
SHRI PRITHIVIRAJ D.  
CHAVAN:  
SHRI BHUVNESHWAR  
PRASAD MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to privatise duty free shops at the International airports in the country; and

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Global tenders have been invited by the International Airports Authority of India for the development of Shopping Plaza in Transit Areas of International Terminal Buildings at Bombay and Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi. This has been done with the objective of upgrading the present shopping complex as well as to enhance the present revenues of Interna-

tional Airports Authority of India from the shopping complex. No final decision has yet been taken on the subject.

### **Export of Jewish Antiques**

3164. SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether precious Jewish antiques have been exported from Synagogues of Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any enquiry has been made in this regard ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to prevent its recurrence?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). Certain members of a dilapidated wooden Synagogue from Cochin, not a centrally protected monument, are reported to have been exported illegally during the year 1990. Concerned agencies are examining in the report for appropriate action. Measures to prevent such occurrences are regularly taken up by various agencies under the laws of the land.

[Translation]

### **Modernisation Scheme**

3165. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme to modernise the working of his Ministry has been implemented in order to increase the efficiency; and

(b) if so, the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the plan scheme for modernisation of government offices arranged by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in the year 1987-88, the following modern office equipment were purchased for increasing the efficiency:-

1. Photocopying machine	-	2
2. Laminator	-	1
3. Paper Shredder	-	2

### **Retirement Benefits for Retired Employees**

3166. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received complaints from the retired employees in his ministry about non-payment of the retirement benefits to them;

(b) if so, the total number of complaints received during the current year in this regard; and

(c) the steps being taken to redress these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). do not arise.

[English]

### **Atrocities on Women**

3167. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: